(8) THE INDIAN TREASURE TROVE (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1949 (L.A. BILL NO. 34 OF 1949).

* THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I move that—

'*the Indian Treasure Trove (Madras Amendment) Bill*[a], 1949 (*L.A. Bill No.* 34 *of* 1949), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once*'.

Under section 4 of the Indian Treasure Trove Act, 1878, the duty of givng notice in writing to the Collector of the treasure-trove is not on the owner or occupier of the place. It is considered that the owner of the place and the occupier of the place shall give the notice referred to. In section 5 of the Act, the Collector is required to make the enquiry and take steps referred to therein, only after notice is received by him under section 4 and not on information received by him otherwise. It is felt that in such cases also it should be open to the Collector to make enquiry and take the steps mentioned under section 5. Clauses 2 and 3 of this Bill effect these changes. Clause 4 makes the occupier or the owner liable to punishment if he fails to furnish information to the Collector."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" Motion moved—

' the Indian Treasure Trove (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 34 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once'."

The motion was put and carried.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 1 and Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I move—

'*that the Indian Treasure Trove* (*Madras Amendment*) *Bill*, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 34 of 1949), be passed into law'."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' the Indian Treasure Trove (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 34 of 1949), be passed into law'."

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(9) THE MADRAS RIVERS CONSERVANCY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1949 (L.A. BILL NO. 35 OF 1949).

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

'*that the Madras Rivers Conservancy* (*Amendment*) *Bill*[b], 1949 (*L.A. Bill No.* 35 *of* 1949), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once*'.

This is a short amendment to the Act to remedy a lacuna which has been pointed out. Section 17 of the Act refers to taking certain action to prevent erosion, etc. The amendment now empowers Conservators of Forests to plant and grow reeds, grass or shrubs, etc., to preserve river embankments. That is why we have now come with this amendment."

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[a] Printed as Appendix XII on page 705 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix XIII on page 706 infra.

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THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" Motion moved—

'that the Madras Rivers Conservancy (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 35 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once'."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know why this lacuna was not found from 1884 to 1949?"

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Because, Sir, we did not perhaps have brilliant lawyers like the Leader of the Opposition. Very recently this was pointed out and therefore we have come forward with the amendment."

The motion was put and carried.

Clauses 2, 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I move, Sir—

'*that the Madras Rivers Conservancy (Amendment) Bill,* 1949, *be passed into law*'."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

'that the Madras Rivers Conservancy (Amendment) Bill, 1949, be passed into law'."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(10) THE TUTICORIN PORT TRUST (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1949 (L.A. BILL NO. 36 OF 1949).

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

'*that the Tuticorin Port Trust (Amendment) Bill* [a], 1949 (*L.A. Bill No.* 36 *of* 1949), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once*'.

Under the present Act the minimum and maximum strength for the Port Trust are 9 and 13. It is now proposed to raise the minimum limit to 13 and the maximum to 17 in response to representations received by Government."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" Motion moved—

'that the Tuticorin Port Trust (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A Bill No. 36 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once'."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" The Government are now giving consideration for representations made to them and to public opinion. I think, Government are now turning the corner and are paying respect to public opinion. I commend their present action."

The motion was put and carried.

Clauses 2 to 6, 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

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[a] Printed as Appendix XIV on pages 706–709 infra.